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I do not feel the settlement UNITED STATES OF AMERICA vs. MICROSOFT CORPORATION is a fair one. Over the year Microsoft has settle their disputes only to begin encroaching on the same area there agreed not to do. Even now Microsoft is eating up parts of the market, muscling out the competition by the market power they have as the provider of the OS.

Other parts allow for access to Microsoft internal, but only for those who won't disclose them. The open source world (their primary competitor) would not benefit from this agreement. They would have no access to the internal, because the writing of their application to interoperate with Microsoft code would be a violation. So to would people who derive their income from supporting open source be crippled by this ruling.

I would like to see Microsoft force to publish the APIs/internal, so that they can not restrict their competition.

I believe also that Microsoft's power as a OS and application leader (which they gained illegally) is too great a power for a company that has a history and continues to use strong arm tactics to crush their completion. Thus putting small businesses and other completion at risk.

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